

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the careful consideration, examination, and favorable treatment of the claims in which claims 1-21 and 24-27 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter upon entry of minor amendments to correct formal matters.

Applicant has amended claim 1, as per the Examiner's suggestion, to correct the formal rejection noted by the Examiner and since no other grounds of rejection remain, claim 1 should be allowed.

Reconsideration and allowance of claim 1 are in order.

Claims 2-21 should be allowed as depending from what should be an allowed independent claim 1.

Claim 25 has been amended into independent form by including the subject matter of claim 23 and based on the Examiner's comments that claim 25 contains allowable subject matter, claim 25 should be allowed.

Claims 24 and 26-31 should be allowed as depending from what should be an allowed independent claim 25.

The remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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